

Application No. 10/002,745
Response to Final Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 10, 12-14, 17, 19 and 20 is respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 10, 12, 17 and 20 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their parent claim 1 and all intervening claims.

Claims 2, 9 and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 10, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 20.

The amended claims avoid the term "substantially," which was objected to by the Examiner.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 10, 12, 17 and 20, and claims 2, 8, 9, 11, 13-16, 18 and 19 respectively depending therefrom, are all in condition for immediate allowance.

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CLAIM FEE


The application previously contained 20 claims of which 3 were independent. The application now contains 14 claims, of which 4 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$200.00 for the addition of 1 extra independent claim is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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